

# Grapevine



Veterans Home  
Mail Room

*Photo by Jody Price*

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## From the Administrator's Desk ...

### A Welcome Budget Increase

Governor Schwarzenegger has gone front and center in proposing a significant increase in budget for the Veterans Home at Yountville. This is the most positive development we have seen in many years. The Legislature will consider the following proposed budget changes in March and April.



Marcella McCormack,  
Administrator

#### Summary of Budget Changes for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

Dollars Positions

#### Adjustments to VHC-Y 2007-08 Baseline:

Pharmaceuticals	\$402,000	
Outside Medical Costs & Supplemental Medical Insurance (Cost of Living)	\$202,000	
Central Supply	\$141,000	
Natural Gas	\$75,000	
Total, Baseline Adjustments	\$820,000	

#### Capital Outlay:

Member Services Building – Construction	\$20,763,000	
Electrical Distribution System Renovation – Construction	\$756,000	
Kennedy Hall Parking Lot Expansion – Preliminary Plans, Working Drawings and Construction	\$226,000	
Total, Capital Outlay	\$21,745,000	

#### Department Wide (over the next 5 years):

Veterans Home Information System	\$10,300,000	20.9
Equipment Replacement Program for all 3 homes	\$3,205,000	
Total, Department-Wide Issues	\$13,505,000	20.9

### Temporary Road Closure

Beginning January 12, 2007, the road behind the Boiler Room, between the old Laundry and the Boiler Room, will be closed due to the Chiller Replacement Project. Please do not park in the area of the linen distribution area, traffic barricades will be in place for your protection during this period of time. Also take care while driving in front of the boiler room, as the road will be shared by a temporary chiller, for the homes cooling needs should there be a “heat wave” during the replace-

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# Governor's Budget for Veterans Affairs



Governor Schwarzenegger has once again demonstrated his commitment to California's veterans. His 2007-08 proposed state budget includes funding for installing a cutting-edge enterprise wide veterans home information system, funds for reopening the skilled nursing unit of the Barstow Veterans Home, and monies for adding staff for the initial construction and pre-activation phase of the Greater Los Angeles Ventura County veterans home project.

"The Governor's proposed budget again demonstrates his commitment to our nation's veterans," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Tom Johnson. "Time and time again Governor Schwarzenegger has thanked veterans for making it possible for him to come to this country and acquire a piece of the American Dream."

Specifically, the Governor's 2007-08 budget for the California Department of Veterans Affairs includes:

- \$2.3 million (\$2.1 million General Fund and \$245,000 federal and other funds) and 18 positions to reopen 40 Skilled Nursing Facility beds at the Barstow Veterans Home. The activation of the unit will occur over two fiscal years.
- \$10.3 million General Fund (\$7 million one-time) and 20.9 positions to procure and implement a statewide Veterans Home Information System that will replace the current proprietary system in the existing homes and be used in any additional homes that are constructed in the future.
- \$995,000 General Fund and 7.6 positions for the initial construction and pre-activation phases of the Greater Los Angeles and Ventura County Veterans Homes project. At completion, the new facilities will bring Adult Day Health Care, assisted living and Skilled Nursing Facility care to the greater Los Angeles area.

The California Department of Veterans Affairs has an annual department operating budget of approximately \$300 million, a Farm and Home Loan program with assets of about \$2.4 billion, and roughly 1,600 employees statewide. The department provides outreach to veterans reentering civilian life after having answered America's call to military service, by helping them claim their earned veterans benefits, provides low-cost loans to acquire homes and farms, and when the time comes, provides aged and disabled veterans rehabilitative, residential, and medical care and services in home-like environments at the California Veterans Homes.

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ment project. The contractor states that their estimated time of completion will be six weeks. The Chiller will be a welcome addition for the comfort of all during the summer months and will provide full capacity for the facilities needs in the summer months.

Thank you for your cooperation. Patrick Gilleran, Chief Engineer II, Plant Operations



## As I See It ...

*By Lou Zauner*

The New Year for the Veterans Home at Yountville couldn't have started out more hopeful! A one-hundred million dollar allocation was proposed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in the forthcoming State Budget to remodel, refurbish and provide comprehensive new facilities and infrastructure improvement for this remarkable veterans facility. And, a remarkable Veterans Home is what we have; and for one who has passed his third year here, "Living at the Veterans Home of California in Yountville" gets better and better.

Our sincerely missed friend, Larry Lattman, who passed away last year not only left a legacy of accomplishments for Home Members, but often described the Home as "The Crown Jewel of Veterans Homes." The more I learn about it through my work with The Grapevine, and the knowledge I have of other facilities for not only veterans but senior citizens, the more our Veterans Home, on a scale of "1 to 10," reaches a 15.

Beginning with an Administration that cares, and Staff that is exceedingly competent and devoted to serving the Home Members, the enormity of providing food, shelter, medical care and recreational facilities with such high quality for a population of some 1,100 is incomprehensible. The basics of comfortable living here is just for openers. The Veterans Home Brochure has a listing of over 25 major programs and recreational opportunities beginning with: "A 1000 Seat Theater (now, a state-of-the-art 1,200+ seat theater), a 45,000 volume library, a 9-hole golf course (play-enjoyable by any standard), an outdoor swimming pool (of country-club quality by any standard), game rooms, a baseball stadium; the list goes on and on.

Last year, national articles regarding health care and facilities lauded the high quality of health care provided by the Veterans Administration (the best) -- and our Home health care received A+ grades by Veterans Administration inspectors and the State of California Health Department. With our medical and nursing staff, pharmacists and support staff, we have got to be the "best of the best!" Also, during this coming year, we will establish a Returning Veterans Transition Unit for rehabilitation of Iraq and Afghanistan war-wounded veterans. Facilities are being provided for the care of some 40 service personnel who have sacrificed so much. The generosity of donors who are providing thousands and thousands of dollars toward this project is testimony to the high regard our nation and state has towards its veterans not only of the current conflict but all wars.

To so many great benefactors -- our service organizations, benevolent lodges, groups dedicated to veterans needs, our Town of Yountville, our Nation and our State, our Department of Veterans Affairs, and a countless list of Home Members, Administration, Staff and friends -- our heartfelt thanks to all of you who have created this bountiful benefit to us ... "The Crown Jewel of Veterans Homes."

# The Miraculous Mail Room

Story by Chris William; photos by Jody Price & Chris Williams

**"Not snow, nor sleet, nor dark of night ..."**

**Q**uiz time! How many letters and packages do you think our Mail Room in the Administration Building handles each day? 500? 1000? Nope. About 5000; even more on the first day after a long week-end. In addition, they find time to do most of the home's printing including the Grapevine, dining room menus and job announcements.

It's a "lean and mean" operation led by Sandy Spalding, a twenty-nine year state employee. She is aided and abetted by Home Member Al Lehman, her reliable, hard-working assistant and a corps of part-time Home Member employees.



*Sandy Spalding - the Mail Room is much more than just handling packages and letters.*

smoothly on a holiday?" Perhaps, many have the same philosophy as the mail room: "Just shut up and do your job. Nobody notices unless you mess up."

The page you're now reading? *Printed in the mail room.*

Mornings start early, and Sandy answered a puzzling question. "How is it that sometimes you mail a letter in your residence and it's delivered to an office on the grounds on the same day?"

"Easy," Sandy shrugged. "The guys pick up the mail from their residence and bring it to work with them. Remind members that internal mail, going to an office on grounds or another member requires no postage. Who says nothing is free anymore?"

A resident was pondering over the long weekend while enjoying the special Martin Luther King dinner. "How does this place keep running so

*UPS delivery man Jason Gross drops off some of the many packages delivered daily. Hmmm, wonder if one of them is mine.*



*Al Lehman "loads" the Main Dining Room menus into the Mail Room copy machine.*



## Another Great Residential Care Holiday Party

Story by Lou Zauner;

photos by Jody Price, Neil Remnant, Lou Zauner

The annual Christmas party given to our Home Members by the residential care managers couldn't have been better! Coinciding with Pearl Harbor Day, on December 7, nearly 300 Home Members gathered in Grant Hall to participate in a huge bounty of Holiday cheer, patriotic remembrances and an abundance of superb luncheon fare.

From 11:30 am to 1 pm the Home residential care managers passed through the crowd to see that everyone could partake of the ham and cheese croissants, chicken, huge plates of ham, roast beef and cheese, followed by cookies (last count of 15 varieties), white cakes, chocolate cakes, pumpkin pie, pecan pie; and all to be enjoyed with champagne punch, or eggnog or coffee. What a surprise, no one left hungry!

Home Administrator Marcella McCormack welcomed the crowd overflowing the Hall, and read the Pearl Harbor Day Proclamation from Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Deputy Home Administrator Bart Buechner introduced Home Pearl Harbor survivors for an emotional interlude to remember what happened 65 years ago.

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*The famous trio -  
Ron Brunswick, Bart Buechner, Meinert Toberer*





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And there was no absence of music with choruses of *Jingle Bells* and Christmas carols from piano and vocal Home and Administration volunteers, and Santa Claus to add even more joviality throughout the crowd.

To all of our devoted and generous Residential Care Managers, our sincere thanks for an outstanding Party.





## DAR brings Christmas Cheer

On December 14, 2006, the Women of the Marin County El Marinero Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution brought cheer and good fortune to the ladies that reside in the Hospital. It was an incredible afternoon filled with great music, wonderful baked goods and all the Holiday cheer you could only imagine. The Ladies participated in the celebration by playing the tambourine and singing during the Caroling. Jingle Bells was one of the most popular songs

among all. Each Home Member was given a goody bag filled with fun girly items such as fingernail polish, lotion, hair accessories, slippers and many others. A DAR member personally prepares each bag, in hopes that it will brighten the day of the recipient.

Founded in 1890 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., Daughters of the American Revolution is a volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through education.

Nationwide, DAR members volunteer more than 55,000 hours annually to veteran patients and award over \$150,000 in scholarships and financial aid each year to students. The DAR supports schools for the underprivileged with annual donations exceeding one million dollars.

DAR has 170,000 members in 3,000 chapters across the United States and internationally. Any woman 18 years or older-regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution, is eligible for membership.

El Marinero Chapter is a group of diverse and interesting Marin County women.

The one thing we all have in common is that historical records have established that at least one of our ancestors, with unfailing loyalty to the cause of American Independence, served as a sailor, soldier, civil officer, and /or rendered material aid thereto in one or more of the United Colonies or States during the Revolutionary War.

DAR women cherish, maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom to foster true patriotism and love of county, and to aid in securing for all the blessings of liberty.







*Judy Loomer, Ruth Kelly, Marion Wiener, Ruth Anne Hosken, Betsy Elliott, Roddie Pistilli, Helen Blakeslee, Donna Mussato, Jean Ehrenberg.*



*January 19, 2007*



## Carmichael Elks donate to Home

Carmichael Elks have been strong supporters of the Veterans Home Veterans for many years. They began their involvement with the Veterans when they hosted our members at the Monterey Aquarium. Later on, through the efforts of Elks member Philip Baynard, they supplied us with tickets to the A's games for many seasons. This year Cliff Arnold, Carmichael Elks

member, stepped in and donated money so the Veterans will be able to see the River Cats play in Sacramento. In addition to this they also provide presents for our annual Holiday Gift program, which supplies every Veteran of the home with a gift for the holiday. This year 130 members received gifts donated by the Carmichael Elks. We are very fortunate in their strong support.

### 2007 Grapevine Deadlines and Distribution Dates

Month	Deadline	Distribution
Jan	12, 29	5, 19
Feb	9, 26	2, 16
Mar	12, 26	2, 16, 30
Apr	9, 23	13, 27
May	7, 21	11, 25
Jun	4, 18, 29	8, 22
Jul	16, 30	6, 20
Aug	13, 27	3, 17, 31
Sep	10, 24	14, 28
Oct	5, 22	12, 26
Nov	5, 15	9, 21
Dec	3, 17, 31	7, 21

## Attitude

There once was a woman who woke up one morning, looked in the mirror, and noticed she had only three hairs on her head.

Well," she said, "I think I'll braid my hair today."

So she did and she had a wonderful day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and saw that she had only two hairs on her head.

"Hmmm," she said, "I think I'll part my hair down the middle today."

So she did and she had a Grand Day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that she had only one hair on her head.

"Well," she said, "today I'm going to wear my hair in a pony tail."

So she did and she had a fun, fun day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that there wasn't a single hair on her head.

"Yea!" she exclaimed, "I don't have to fix my hair today!"

Attitude is everything.

Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

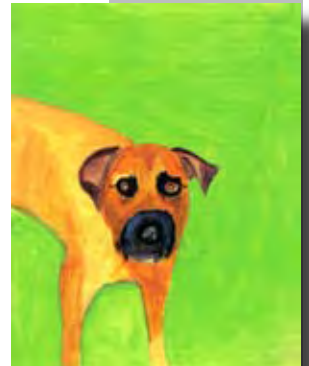




## ❀ Paws with Brandy ❀

### The Curse of Beauty

Last week, my dears, a professional photographer came to the home and took dozens of photographs of me. One will appear on a big poster in a pet shop in Napa. In addition, resident Jack Brannan paints numerous portraits in his attempt to capture my charm, and on the first floor of the hospital hangs a full-length study by Elaine Simpson. (I blush to tell you, darlings -- I often pose in my birthday suit!) My magnetism is becoming a problem -- it takes time from my first love, being with you. I'm no spring chicken anymore, and I didn't understand my enduring allure.



"Good bones," said Rachele Hemphill, a nurse on the ward where I live. "Good bones make you beautiful forever." I've always appreciated a good bone, but I don't think that's what she meant. Anyway, I started looking around at my competition, the other females around here, and noticed: there are a lot of beautiful women, both residents and employees. Maybe we should have a "Miss Veterans Home" competition? I'd look good in the winner's sash.



There are some good things about being a celebrity. You know how I love children, and sometimes children whom I haven't met call out, "Look! There's Brandy!" They recognize me from photos their grandparents have sent them, so we're friends right away. Then, there's something else. I just met a male model, and ... oh, my dears!

His name is Fonzi and he owns Gay Sherman who works in the Social Work office. He's super-handsome and not a bit-stuck up; I'd like to get to know him better. With all the photographers hanging around us, maybe we could slip into the darkroom and see what develops. ❀

### Santa's Elks bring Christmas Cheer to the Veterans Home.

On December 19<sup>th</sup> Santa's ELK Bob Rasmussen, Veterans Service Chairman of Elk's Lodge No. 559 of Vallejo could be found delivering fifty-two hand knitted and quilted lap robes to the Home Members at the Veterans Home of California, Yountville.

These wonderful handmade goodies were the results of many hours of work by the Ladies of Elk's Auxiliary and the Vallejo Senior Citizens Center.

*back: Nancy Abruzzni, Bob Rasmussen, Vickie Allen and in front: Vince Liotta and George Caine (Home Members)*



January 19, 2007

## Millions receive Cost-of-Living Increases for VA Benefits

Millions of veterans and eligible family members will see their disability compensation, pension, and survivors' benefits increased as the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provides an annual cost-of-living increase for key benefits.

"We want all veterans with disabilities related to the defense of our country to receive the benefits they have earned," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson. "With this increase, we ensure their payments keep pace with the cost of living."

A recent law signed by President Bush provides a 3.3 percent increase in disability compensation and survivors' benefits. Eligible veterans and family members will see this increase starting in their January 2007 checks.

Under the veterans disability compensation program, tax-free payments will generally range from \$115 to \$2,471 per month depending on the degree of disability. Special payments up to \$7,070 per month apply to the most severely injured veterans.

Pension disability benefits will also be increased by the same percentage and effective on the same date. The maximum annual rate for permanently and totally disabled veterans can range from \$10,929 to \$18,234. Payments under this program are based on household income.

This increase also applies to survivors of veterans who died in service or from a service-connected disability. Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) survivors' benefit payments can range from \$1,067 to \$2,443 per month.

Survivors of wartime veterans receiving death pension are also entitled to an increase. The maximum annual payment rate for a surviving spouse can range from \$7,329 to \$11,715. Benefits under this program are intended to bring an eligible spouse's income to a level established by law.

Under each benefit program, additional allowances may be payable for helpless, minor or school age children.

For more information about VA benefits and services, go to VA's website at [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) or call 1-800-827-1000.

## Money Scam Alert



*Stars and Stripes* reports that financial institutions serving the military overseas have seen an increase in counterfeit money orders and checks as well as online phishing. The counterfeit check scheme, called the "overpayment scam," has affected bank customers who sell items at online auction sites, such as eBay. The best way to prevent getting scammed, if using eBay, is to insist on payment by PayPal. Another piece of advice from the National Consumers League's Internet Fraud Watch, is: "If a stranger wants to pay you for something, insist on a cashiers check for the exact amount, preferably from a local bank or a bank that has a branch in your area."



# The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke:

## A Report of the Surgeon General, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

### What Is Secondhand Smoke?

- Secondhand smoke is composed of sidestream smoke (the smoke released from the burning end of a cigarette) and exhaled mainstream smoke (the smoke exhaled by the smoker).
- While secondhand smoke has been referred to as environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) in the past, the term “secondhand” smoke better captures the involuntary nature of the exposure.
- The 2006 Surgeon General’s report uses the term “involuntary” in the title because most nonsmokers do not want to breathe tobacco smoke. The term “involuntary” was also used in the title of the 1986 Surgeon General’s report on secondhand smoke.
- Cigarette smoke contains more than 4,000 chemical compounds.
  - Secondhand smoke contains many of the same chemicals that are present in the smoke inhaled by smokers.
  - Because sidestream smoke is generated at lower temperatures and under different conditions than mainstream smoke, it contains higher concentrations of many of the toxins found in cigarette smoke.
- The National Toxicology Program estimates that at least 250 chemicals in secondhand smoke are known to be toxic or carcinogenic.
- Secondhand smoke has been designated as a known human carcinogen (cancer-causing agent) by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the National Toxicology Program, and the International Agency for Research on Cancer, and an occupational carcinogen by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.
  - Secondhand smoke contains more than 50 cancer-causing chemicals.
  - When nonsmokers are exposed to secondhand smoke, they inhale many of the same cancer-causing chemicals that smokers inhale.

### Smoking Cessation Classes

If you are interested in stopping smoking, free classes are available through Carmen Vivian. The classes are based either here at the Home on an individual basis or through Napa County in a group setting for those Members who have their own transportation. For more information on smoking cessation or to sign up for classes contact Carmen Vivian in Section A at 948-2540.

### The Surgeon General has concluded that:

- There is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke: even small amounts of secondhand smoke exposure can be harmful to people’s health.
- Many millions of Americans continue to be exposed to secondhand smoke.
- A smoke-free environment is the only way to fully protect nonsmokers from the dangers of secondhand smoke. Separating smokers from nonsmokers, cleaning the air, and ventilating buildings cannot eliminate exposure of nonsmokers to secondhand smoke.

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## Great Balls of Fire! The Ancient Art of Temari

*By Chris Williams*

Just inside the library is a case which is now aglow with the intricate, brilliantly colored balls from the ancient art of temari. It is appropriate at this time of year because, temari balls are given as gifts, and it is especially important that daughters receive one at New Years.

Originally made for children from old kimonos, temari became a favored pastime of the upper classes, rather the way English ladies indulged themselves in embroidery. They are now given as gifts to special friends and bring good luck to those who keep them.

All the balls on display were made by Senior Librarian Carole DeBell who says part of the fun is that there is no pattern. When you start, you don't know how the final ball will look. Do you suppose Carole would "volunteer" to teach a class?



### Jewish Happenings Tributes



During this month we pay tribute to a great American and a great human being, Martin Luther King, Jr. As we know, his life and his death stood for human dignity as well as equal rights for everyone, regardless of race, religion, or any other factor. While he and his movement made great strides, the battle persists today. People are not all equal today, either here in America or across the globe. There is still much work left for us to do. That is why tributes like Martin Luther King Day (January 15) are so important. They help us keep our leaders' ideals alive and relevant to future generations. My we use this tribute day to recommit ourselves to doing what we can to foster love and equality wherever we can.

The next Jewish Services for January is the Hospital Chapel on January 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. The Shabbat Service is The First Plagues.

Rabbi E. Robert Kraus, Jewish Chaplain

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Information contained on this highlight sheet has been taken directly from The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke: A Report of the Surgeon General. For more information, please refer to the Resources and How to Protect Yourself and Your Loved Ones from Secondhand Smoke highlight sheets. Highlight sheets are available at [www.cdc.gov/tobacco](http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco).



# Good Readin'



## The Long and the Short of It

Your 'desert island duo' of books is fascinating, and a pattern is emerging.

Some choices are long, offering years of reading; some are short with gems of wisdom you can ponder over and over.

Joyce Donegan had to cheat and add a third book to encompass these approaches:

- 1) Bartlett's Quotations
- 2) Oxford English Dictionary, and
- 3) The Prophet by Khalil Gibran (Can't resist this. In 1925, Gibran wrote, "Are you a politician asking what your country can do for you or a zealous one asking what you can do for your country?" Sound familiar?)

Kitty Britt, the adventurer, wants of course, to learn new things:

- 1) Atlas of the World
- 2) A mathematics textbook, long and difficult

Jim Lyle wishes to think long thoughts:

- 1) The Gate of Silence by W. T. Stace (a new one to me), and
- 2) Philosophy in a New Key

Perhaps the most ambitious forgot to sign a name:

- 1) The Complete Shakespeare
- 2) History of Civilization by Will and Ariel Durant (six volumes)

What is a "children's" book? The library is adding "Charlotte's Web" to the collection where it will join "Wind in the Willows", a long-time favorite. So, I wondered if maybe ... just maybe, my all time favorite would be on the shelf. There it was! In large print, too, so others must come back to it: May I give you a taste?



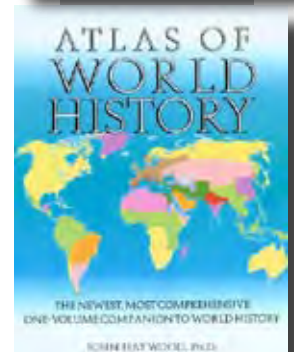
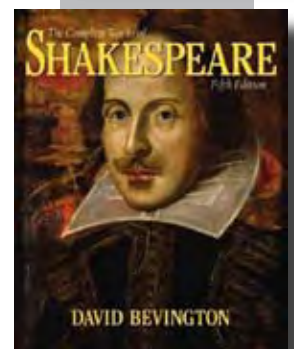
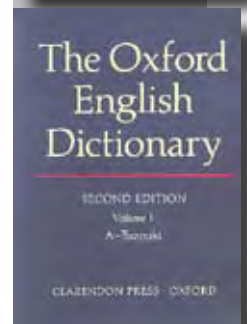
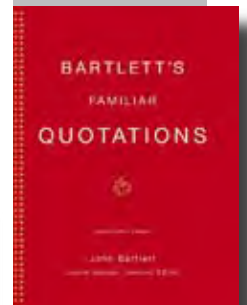
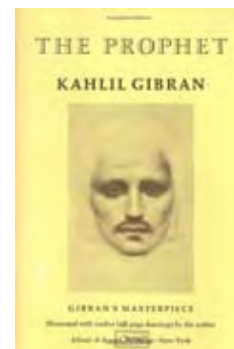
"What is essential is invisible to the eye," said the fox.

"What is essential ....." repeated the little prince so that he would remember.

"Words are the source of misunderstanding. It is only with the heart that we can truly understand."

"It is only with the heart ....." repeated the little prince, so that he would be sure to remember.

"The Little Prince" by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry





*Images in the header are from the exhibition, **Innovation & Adaptation: Winery Architecture in the Napa Valley**. From left to right: Rubicon Estates (formerly Inglenook), christening of the Vintner's Association float at a parade in San Francisco in December of 1949 and Dominus.*

Friday,  
January 19  
5:30 to  
6:00 pm

***Innovation & Adaptation: Winery Architecture in the Napa Valley Opening Night Exhibition*** Tour with Guest Curator Doreen Schmid Please come and share the insights of our Guest Curator, Doreen Schmid, as she guides you on a walk- through of our current exhibition, **Innovation & Adaptation: Winery Architecture in the Napa Valley**, on opening night. Doreen's multi- faceted background includes writing food, wine and travel articles and extensive work with exhibitions related to food, wine, architecture and photography. Free with admission and \$5 for non-members. Call 707.944.0500 for reservations.

Saturday,  
January 20  
2:00 to  
4:00 pm

***The Early Days of Innovative Napa Winery Architecture*** with Architect Jerry Gabriel, Principal of RMW Architecture and Interiors Jerry worked on the first phase of the Robert Mondavi Winery and, as project architect and designer, from 1973-1977 for Domaine Chandon, the first Napa winery to take an integrated-into-the- landscape approach. He'll share stories about the building of Domaine Chandon, such as how the native stone used was collected on-site with a cart and Dapples, Rene di Rosa's horse. Free with admission. Call 707.944.0500 for reservations.

**Exhibition:** **Innovation & Adaptation: Winery Architecture in the Napa Valley**, on view January 19 through March 25, 2007. This exhibition demonstrates how Napa Valley's wine culture, old and new, is reflected in its architecture. Over 100 historical and contemporary images and illustrations chronicle the story of Napa's wine culture through its early days and Prohibition to its mid-century production boom and technological advances, late twentieth-century coinage of the winery hospitality concept, and recent trend toward an integrated approach in landscape, architecture and winemaking.

*The Napa Valley Museum is a private, nonprofit institution, located in scenic Yountville at 55 Presidents Circle adjacent to Domaine Chandon. The Museum is dedicated to providing unique experiences that enrich the cultural fabric of our community through changing and permanent exhibitions and educational programs showcasing the art, environment and history of the Napa Valley. The Museum is open daily, except Tuesday, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Admission is \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for students/seniors and \$2.50 for youth 7-17. Children under seven are admitted free. For additional information, please visit [www.napavalleymuseum.org](http://www.napavalleymuseum.org) or call 707.944.0500.*



*Aerial photo of Quintessa  
by Mark Defeo*



# LINCOLN Theater

Sunday,  
January 28  
3:00 pm

***Charlotte's Web*** A live theater performance, of one of the most beloved children's books of all time comes to life! Explore a magical barnyard world where animals talk and miracles happen. This story of courage and friendship from E.B. White's touching novel has inspired readers for decades. California Theatre Center's production of the classic tale is adorable and great fun for the whole family.



Tuesday,  
January 30  
7:00 pm

***In the Mood – 1940's Musical Revue Rhythm*** Swing. Jazzy. Brassy. It's In the Mood, a 1940's musical revue that takes a retro look at the life and times of America's greatest generation. Much more than a concert, the revue features sixteen In the Mood singers and dancers with the sensational String of Pearls big band orchestra. The musical arrangements, costumes and choreography are as authentic as it gets. Come experience the swing and rhythm of this most sentimental and romantic era.



Wednesday,  
January 31  
7:30 pm

***BYU: Living Legends*** A celebration of Native American, Polynesian, and Latin American music and dance, Living Legends combines dynamic choreography of Native American choreographies with the color and vitality of the dances of Polynesian and Latin American dances. Performed by talented descendants of these cultures and woven together by traditional and contemporary music, Living Legends' program is a stunning tribute to the ancient cultures of the Americas and the Pacific.



## Napa Valley Symphony

Welcome to a Napa Valley Tradition...

Sunday  
January 21  
3:00 pm

***Classical II : Branford Marsalis – The power and passion*** New Orleans native Branford Marsalis was born into one of the city's most distinguished musical families, which includes patriarch/pianist/educator Ellis Marsalis and brothers Wynton, Delfeayo and Jason Marsalis. Branford won a Grammy in 1993 for Best Jazz Instrumental Performance, Individual or Group for his album *I Heard You Twice The First Time*, and another in 1994 for Best Pop Instrumental Performance for *Barcelona Mona*, a single he recorded with Bruce Hornsby for the Olympics in Spain. Known for his innovative spirit and broad musical scope, Branford is equally at home on the stages of the world's greatest jazz clubs and classical halls. His recording career as a leader encompasses jazz, classical, and pop albums and releases.





## Residential Care Special Events

*Sign up early! Activities can fill quickly. All activities are subject to change due to bus and driver availability.*

January 2007

Date	Time	Event	Bus	Site	Signup
19 Fri	1:30 pm	Crab Louie Party		GH	
21 Sun	7:30 am	Senior Center Brunch	MBS		Yes
23 Tue	10:30 am	Bunch for Lunch	MBS		Yes
	3:00 pm	<i>Symphony: Bradford Marsalis</i>		LT	Yes
23 Tue	10:30 am	Bunch for Lunch	MBS		Yes
24 Wed	12:30 pm	LeMelange	MDR		Yes
25 Thu	8:30 am	Railroad Museum	MBS		Yes
26 Fri	9:30 am	Chess Tournament		GH	Yes
27 Sat	9:30 am	Fairfield Mall	MBS		Yes
28 Sun	3:00 pm	Charlotte's Web		LT	Yes
30 Tue	7:00 pm	In the Mood		LT	Yes
31 Wed	10:00 am	Asian Art Museum	MBS		Yes
	7:30 pm	Living Legends		LT	Yes

**Key – 1C/1D:** Hospital 1C/1D patio; **Bor:** Borman Field; **Chp:** Chapel; **GH:** Grant Hall; **GR:** Games Room; **HL:** Hospital Lobby; **HRA:** Hospital Recreation Area; **LL:** Lee Lounge; **LT:** Lincoln Theater; **MBS:** Main Bus Stop; **MDR:** Main Dining Room; **MPG:** Main Picnic Grounds; **SF:** San Francisco; **TAV:** Tavern; **VHC:** Veterans Home Cemetery; **VGC:** Vintners Golf Course; **VHL:** Veterans Home Lanes; **XII:** Annex II; **Ynt:** Yountville; **YVP:** Yountville Veterans Park.



## U.S.S. New York

*reported by Nancy Bueno*

Many of the emails I receive are forwarded from friends across the country. Often the interesting stories are what we call “urban myths” – good stories but not true. Many times they are heart-rending accounts of our military and often connected with the tragedy of the World Trade Center.

I just received one that, I’m happy to say, is absolutely true!

The U.S.S New York has already made history before its bow touches the water. Steel from the World Trade Center was melted down in a foundry in Amite, LA, to cast the bow section. When the steel was poured “those big rough steelworkers treated it with total reverence” recalled Navy Capt. Wensing, who was there.

Foundry operations manager, Junior Chavers, said the steel was treated with reverence from the moment it arrived. “It had a big meaning to it for all of us,” he said. “They knocked us down. They can’t keep us down. We’re going to be back.”

The motto of the U.S.S. New York – “Never Forget”

*This is an artist's rendition of the U.S.S. New York is the fifth in a new class of war-ships designed for missions that include special operations against terrorists.*



# MOVIE NIGHT IN GRANT HALL

## Fri, Jan 19 – “The Devil wears Prada”

This new (2005) film stars Meryl Streep and Anne Hathaway. Streep plays a fashion industry powerhouse-bitch-boss from hell. There is exceptionally good acting by Streep in this drama/comedy. She will probably be nominated for a Best Actress Oscar for her outstanding performance. Anne Hathaway does a good job as the long suffering assistant to Streep. ★ ★ ★ ½

## Wed, Jan 24 – “Runaway Bride”

A 1999 romantic comedy starring Julia Roberts, Richard Gere, Joan Cusack, Hector Elizondo and Rita Wilson. Story is about a newspaper writer who becomes involved with a small-town Maryland woman who repeatedly leaves grooms at the altar. An above average entertainment. ★ ★ ½

## Fri, Jan 26 – “The World Trade Center”

A new (2006) drama starring Nicolas Cage and Michael Pena as two real-life New York City Port Authority policemen who were trapped in the rubble of September 11, 2001. The story covers their ordeal as well as that of their families, survivors and rescuers throughout the city. Directed by Oliver Stone, the cast includes Maria Bello and Maggie Gyllenhaal. This is an interesting film based on the events at and around the World Trade Center on 9/11.

## Wed, Jan 31 – “Psycho”

This is the classic Hitchcock 1960 thriller starring Anthony Perkins, Janet Leigh, Vera Miles, John Gavin and Martin Balsam. All gather at the Bates Motel run by a peculiar young man and his old “mother.” An outstanding film of its type. ★ ★ ★ ★

## Fri, Feb 2 – “A Star is Born” Part 1

This 1954 semi-musical film stars Judy Garland, James Mason, Charles Bickford, Jack Carson and Tom Noonan. This is considered the best of the three versions which was first filmed in 1937 starring Frederick March and Janet Gaynor and in 1976 starring Barbra Streisand and Kris Kristofferson. The story tells of a self-destructive actor and a younger girl on her way up in show business. This powerful film is directed by George Cukor. It is being shown in two parts because of its length. ★ ★ ★ ★

## Wed, Feb 7 – “A Star if Born” Part 2

**MOVIE SPECIAL**

**GRANT HALL**  
Theater doors  
open at 5:15 pm  
Wednesdays &  
Fridays

Special selected  
presentations at  
5:30 pm

Feature Film  
begins at 6:00 pm

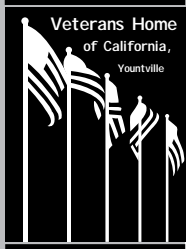
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